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Reinard's "Geographie d'Aboulféda,
traduite de l'Arabe en Français."
Houckgeest's "Voyage de l'Ambassade
de la Compagnie des Indes Orien-
tales Hollandaise, vers l'Empereur
de la Chine dans 1794," 2 vols. royal
4to. (calf).
"Olearius's Travels in Muscovy, Tar-
tary, and Persia," imp. 8vo., 1662.
"Journal of the Indian Archipelago
and Eastern Asia," 2 vols.
"Journal of the Royal Geographical
Society," 6 vols.
"Spranger's El-Mas'udis' Historical
Encyclopædia, entitled Meadows of
Gold and Mines of Gems," translated
from the Arabic.
"Kerr's Collection of Voyages and
Travels," 17 vols.
"Lookman's Travels of the Jesuits,
in China and East Indies, 2 vols."
"The Chinese Traveller; a Geogra-
phical, Commercial, and Political
History of China, 2 vols., 1775."
"Tournon's Anecdotes sur l'état de la
Religion dans la Chine," 7 vols.
"Thevenot's Voyages in Europe, Asia,
and Africa," 4 vols. (vellum), 1727.
"Reinard's Voyages dans l'Inde et à la
Chine," (calf, elegant), 1845.
"Semedo's Histoire Universelle de la
Chine," 4to., 1667.
"Rémusat's Nouveaux Mélanges Asia-
tiques," 2 vols., 1829.
"Klaproth's Mémoires relatifs à l'Asie,"
"Recueil Amusant de Voyages," 7
vols., 1787.
"Proceedings of the Royal Geographi-
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THE
Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, 9TH DECEMBER, 1881.

It has been publicly announced that over half the sum required for erecting a small Church and parsonage at the Victoria Gap has been subscribed by residents more immediately interested in the movement. Whether the proposed Church is intended for members of the Church of England, or of the Kirk of Scotland; for Dissenters or Roman Catholics; for Buddhists or Mohammedans, is not clearly stated by our evening contemporary; but we suppose it is fair to presume that all of these various sects would have a right to worship, each on his own way, seeing that the assistance of the Government is solicited. If a party of enterprising residents at the Peak like to subscribe for the erection of a church, a theatre, a public-house, or any other establishment of a public character at Victoria Gap, we do not see that it is anybody's business to interfere with persons who have a perfect right to spend their money as they please. Therefore if the residents, more (or less?) immediately interested in this movement, had decided to erect this tabernacle entirely out of their own pockets, we should have had no valid grounds for criticising the undertaking. But in this case it is not so. "A further sum of a little more than \$2,000 has yet to be raised; and a subscription list is now lying at Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co.'s for the purpose of giving those residents who desire to aid the scheme an opportunity of doing so." This public appeal at once brings the "scheme,"—a good name for the proposed undertaking, without a doubt—within the pale of public criticism. The community of Hongkong are proverbially generous, and possibly a large number may respond to this invitation, and subscribe the amount required. However, our duty in the matter is quite clear, and that is to prevent the good nature of the members of the community from being imposed upon for the support of a movement, which in the face of well known facts, is quite unnecessary and uncalled for, while so many really deserving local charities are sorely pressed for funds to carry on their good work.

The proposed new church and parsonage at the Peak, as emblems of lazy church-going professionalism and modern Phariseism, if they ever become accomplished facts, will doubtless answer their intended requirements. But will this scheme, apparently hatched and fostered by half a dozen professional churchgoers to gratify a morbid craving after notoriety, and for their own personal convenience, find sufficient favor with a practical public to induce them to furnish the necessary means of war? We think not; and we sincerely hope not, while so many

admirably conducted charitable institutions, in the colony, of which L'Asile de la Sainte Enfance at Wanchai is an excellent example, are so badly in need of funds. If the few permanent residents at the Peak care so little for public worship that they decline to come down to the city on Sunday mornings, we think they might manage to rub along comfortably without any public spiritual counsel. If they must have their toy church and parsonage let them pay for the privileges attached thereto out of their own pockets, and not pose as saintly beggars before a public which has a sufficient number of deserving claims to attend to, without being called upon to support shallow absurdities of this description.

Before the local Government will consent to look favourably upon what the *China Mail* terms a "laudable proposition," we should imagine that a few inquiries will be instituted as to the necessity existing for an addition to our already numerous churches, and the claims of an insignificant number of householders at the Peak to any exclusive assistance from the public exchequer. Will the advocates and supporters of this so-called laudable scheme kindly furnish the community with the number of permanent residents at the Peak during the summer and winter months respectively? Will they kindly give the numbers of those who attend church regularly or occasionally, also of those who never go to church at all? Will they further detail the numerical strength of the various denominations, as represented up in cloud-land? Does it not strike one as reasonable to suppose that permanent dwellers on our high levels, who are so desirous of attending public worship, do not undergo very great hardships in coming down to the city once on Sunday? Is it not a safe conclusion to arrive at that temporary visitors to the health-giving regions so high up above sea-level, go up there for other purposes than church-going, and that, in fact, they would not attend service if there were a dozen churches instead of one?

The question can be drawn into very narrow limits. Government aid for the purpose of gratifying the selfish aims of a few narrow-minded sectarians, without in any way benefitting the general community, is too much of a joke to require serious consideration, so we can comfortably shelve that part of the "laudable proposition." The public *may* subscribe to this project, out of respect to the saintly character of the promoters; but we doubt it much in this practical age. The whole of the churches in Hongkong are not so well attended that an addition to their number is rendered either necessary or advisable. It is a matter of notoriety that the attendance at Union Church, notwithstanding the great abilities as a preacher, and general popularity of the present pastor, is the reverse of satisfactory. A church at the Gap would doubtless take away the majority of even the present select few. Before subscribing to a new church, citizens with long purses and generous spirits, should drop in at Elgin-street any Sunday morning, where the nakedness of the land, so far as the necessity for this proposed innovation, will be fully exposed.

Unless the whole business is meant simply to gratify the inordinate vanity of the prime movers for this church and parsonage, the subscribers who have really an honest and genuine desire to see a place of worship established at the Peak, will doubtless after reading the news received by last mail see their way to abandon the present project. Her Majesty's War Department has decided to erect a sanitarium for the military at the Peak, and there can be little doubt that a convenient place of worship will be included in the plans submitted for the approval of the Government. This ought to answer all reasonable requirements.

The Coroner's Inquest on the body of Captain N. Harvey, of the steamship *Cleveland*, who shot himself through the head at Aberdeen yesterday morning, will be held at the Government Civil Hospital at 8 o'clock this afternoon.

Says the *Weekly Bulletin*:—Whatever conclusion the political economists may come to, the mines and miners of the precious metals in the United States hold a fairly even hand as between gold and silver. Last year's product of gold is set down at \$33,000,000, and the product of silver at \$39,000,000.

The annual regatta given by the Victoria Recreation Club has been fixed for Friday the 23rd and Saturday the 24th inst. The programme is laid out similar lines to that of last year, the only notable change being the substitution of pair canoe outriggers instead of sculling skills in the race for the Ladies' Purse. Entries, except for the Flying Squadron, close to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. K. Leigh, on or before December 19th at 6 p.m.

Yesterday being the fourth anniversary of the opening of the Catholic Circle a concert was given to celebrate the event. The hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion with evergreens, and the exterior of the building was illuminated with a variety of Japanese lanterns. There was a large attendance present, amongst whom we noticed the Portuguese Consul, Mr. J. Loureiro, Father Burghignoli, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fleming, Messrs. J. J. Francis, A. Silveira, Remolios, and many of the leading Portuguese residents. After a few words of thanks from Mr. Silveira to the audience for their kind support of the institution, a very excellent programme of vocal and instrumental music was most satisfactorily gone through, the efforts of the various performers eliciting frequent applause.

The statement in last night's *China Mail* to the effect that a St. Andrews Society has at length been organised in Hongkong is somewhat premature. The advisability of establishing in Hongkong an institution on a similar basis to that of the Colonian Associations which are to be found in most parts of the world has been frequently mooted, and generally approved, without, however, leading to any definite result. At the annual dinner of the Stewards of the St. Andrew's Hall, held on December 1st, the subject was brought up by Mr. James Boyd and the Hon. P. Ryrie; and at a meeting of the same body on Wednesday evening the last named gentleman again introduced the question. Twenty-eight of the gentlemen present acquiesced in the proposal to establish a St. Andrew's Society, and Mr. A. MacClymont kindly consented to act as Hon. Secretary pro tem. in order to further preliminary arrangements. We are informed that a public meeting of Scotchmen will shortly be convened to settle all particulars.

We have had the opportunity afforded us of examining certain mineral specimens from Timor. A piece of of carbonaceous shale gives ground for supposing that the generally associated mineral—*coal*—may exist on the island in workable and payable quantities. This is a matter well worth investigating; and with the increasing trade relations between the Southern and Eastern Colonies of Australia with China and other countries, is a subject of more than ordinary importance. The position of Timor is contiguous to more than these steam trade routes; but Dutch jealousy and Portuguese poverty have contributed to retard progress, and prevent the development of the natural resources of the island. There is undeniable evidence of the presence of copper in the island, from the sample of ore submitted to us for inspection, which the specimens of copper pyrites strongly support. Here, again, is an opening for a great industrial occupation, which the Portuguese Government might turn to remunerative advantage. It is not, perhaps, generally known that the Portuguese exercise authority on one side of Timor while the Dutch claim sovereignty over the other; but evidently the more valuable portion of the island and its out-of-the-way position can alone account for its resources not having been turned to advantage.

At the meeting of United Service Lodge, No. 1,311 held last night, the following officers for the ensuing year were elected by ballot:—W. M., Bro. J. Windrum; Treasurer, Bro. W. Goulbourn; Tyler, Bro. J. Grimbale.

A religious work, from the pen of Mr. Dwight L. Moody, the celebrated American Revivalist, has recently been published at Chicago. It is entitled, "Heaven, where it is; its inhabitants, and how to get there." This should prove a useful study to the enterprising promoters of the proposed new Church at the Peak.

The French frigate *Thémis* undocked, and the British steamer *Mary Tatham* docked at Aberdeen last night. The steamship *Cleveland* will come out of dock there this afternoon, making room for the German barque *Elisa*, and the German brig *Sophia*. The steamer *Peking* came over from the Cosmopolitan Dock this morning.

In Paris fifty per cent more males die from consumption than females. The population of the city is 1,988,806. The weekly increase of births over deaths averages 300. In London it averages 1,100. In New York for the week 6th to 13th September 289 more deaths were registered than births. The Paris street cars and omnibuses carry an average each week of 17,345,000 persons.

The *Daring*, a composite screw sloop, Commander Francis J. J. Elliot arrived at this port this morning, from Manila. The *Daring* was commissioned at Shoerness on the 10th of February last for the China command, and this is her first visit to Hongkong, as on arriving at Singapore she was ordered to remain there until relieved. The *Mosquito* was sent down recently to Singapore to take the place of the sloop, and the *Daring* left that port on the 18th ult. calling at Labuan on the 29th, and Manila, which port she left on the 7th inst. The following is a list of the officers:—Commander Francis J. J. Elliot, Lieut. Reginald Y. Smith, Nav.-Lieut. Henry Freedy, Lieutenant Francis G. De Lisle, Staff Surgeon James B. Drew, Paymaster John H. Cleverton, Chief Engineer Thomas F. Hight, Sub-Lieut. Edward C. St. J. B. Neale, Engineer John J. Atkinson, Gunner Frederick Bryant, Carpenter Richard Taylor.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE.

A meeting of the shareholders of the Canton Insurance Office was held at the office of the General Agents, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., yesterday afternoon, for the purpose of considering a resolution for the winding up of the company, and certain proposals for its reconstitution. There were present—Hon. F. B. Johnson (Chairman), Hon. P. Ryrie, Messrs. H. L. Dalrymple, W. H. F. Darby, A. T. Manger, F. D. Sassoon, D. Rattan-jee, T. Jackson, J. Macgregor, R. H. Hornumjee, F. H. Arjane, D. Innes, J. A. Remolios, H. G. James, H. W. Davis, K. M. Tata, E. Cowasjee, and E. F. Alford.

The Chairman said.—Gentlemen, at the annual general meeting, which was held on the 28th October, I called the attention of the shareholders to proposals which were under the consideration of the Committee and General Agents for the purpose of reorganising the office, and bringing the principles upon which it is to be conducted into complete accord with the conditions of business at the present time. To use the scientific phraseology of the day, we have felt, that if our organism is to survive among the fittest it must harmonize perfectly with its environment. I stated to that meeting that the bases of the proposed reorganization would be limitation of liability with adequate reserve of unpaid capital, accumulation of a reserve fund, wider distribution of shares, and a permanent office. Since that time the Committee have been most carefully considering the precise form in which these proposals should be submitted to the shareholders, and have also been in telegraphic communication with the London Agents on the subject. We have been animated by a desire to accomplish two objects—the one to give to all supporters of the office, whether shareholders or not, a fair proportion of the profits which they are mainly instrumental in creating, and the other to maintain as a proprietary body as wide a circle as

possible of contributors—to make in effect the contributors of business as nearly as may be practically identical with the proprietary body, while not excluding from participation in the profits those who support us with business and yet may not have their names on the share list. To effect these two objects we deemed it advisable to have a wide distribution of shares of a denomination within the convenience of every class of contributor, a fixed rate of interest of 10 per cent. upon the paid-up capital to be a first charge upon the profits, and an annual appropriation, the extent of not exceeding 30 per cent. of the profits to go to reserve; the interest on reserve and the reserve fund itself to belong to the shareholders, thus guaranteeing on a first charge a good return to the shareholders upon their investments, and giving them the prospect of a growing dividend annually, according to the success of the office; the remainder of the net profits to be distributed among all contributors of business, whether shareholders or not. Our proposal in terms is to issue 10,000 shares of \$250 each, representing a capital of \$2,500,000, upon which \$50 per share, or \$500,000, will be paid up, and to offer to each shareholder in the old office a preferential allotment in the new Company of 10 shares, representing say \$500 for each one of the old shares, which will represent \$444.44. This preferential allotment will absorb 3,000 shares, and will leave 7,000 new shares to be offered to the public. In the distribution of these shares we think that regard should be had to the probability of the allottee be able to contribute business to the company, and that by the deed of settlement a certain power of control over transfers should be left in the hands of the Committee and General Agents. As I stated at the general meeting, in order to bring the company under the provisions of the Limited Liability Ordinance it is necessary to wind up the existing office and form a new company. For that purpose a formal resolution will be laid before you. The terms of that resolution have been duly advertised. If the resolution be carried, other proposals expressing the opinion of the meeting as to the plan of reorganization will be laid before you, and, I hope, will meet with your acceptance. As the funds of the old Company in liquidation will not be available for the purpose of the new Company, which will commence business on the 1st January, and as it will be impossible to obtain payment of the new capital by that date, the General Agents have arranged with the Committee that they will themselves pay up the capital on 500 shares, say \$250,000, and deposit the money with the Company's bankers as security for the policy holders, holding the shares only until they become transferred under the arrangements of distribution. The entire capital may be depended upon to be paid up before the end of January.

Mr. Dalrymple moved—"That the Company be wound up voluntarily as from the 31st December, 1881, under the provisions of the Companies Ordinance 1865 and 1877, and that the Hon. Francis Bulkeley Johnson and Edward Fleet Alford be, and they are, hereby appointed liquidators for the purpose of such winding up."

Mr. Sassoon seconded, and the resolution was carried unanimously.

The Chairman said that really constituted the business for which the meeting was summoned. The proposals which were now to be submitted were submitted merely in order that an expression of opinion might be elicited from the shareholders present on the new constitution of the office they proposed to establish.

The Hon. P. Ryrie proposed and Mr. Darby seconded—"That the interests represented by the Canton Insurance Office, about to be wound up by the foregoing resolution, shall be formed into a Limited Company to be registered under the Companies Ordinance 1865, and called the Canton Insurance Office, Limited, to commence business on the 1st January, 1882."

Carried unanimously.

Mr. Manger proposed and Mr. Darby seconded—"That the Capital of the company shall be \$2,500,000 in 10,000 shares of \$250 each, \$50 per share paid-up. Shareholders in the Canton Insurance Office to be entitled to preferential allotments to the extent of 10

new shares for each share in the old Office.

Carried unanimously.
Mr. Rattanjo proposed and Mr. Tata seconded—"That the consulting Committee of the old Office be, and hereby are, requested to form a provisional Committee, in conjunction with the general Agents, to give effect to the foregoing proposals, by issuing a prospectus, drawing up articles of association, and inviting applications for shares."

Carried unanimously.
The Chairman said that concluded the business of the meeting. The prospectuses were already in the hands of the printer, and would be circulated amongst the shareholders and the public with as little delay as possible. He thanked those present for their attendance.—*Daily Press*.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by Correspondents.]

THE TEMPERANCE HALL CONCERTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."
Sir,—I was glad to notice the paragraph in yesterday's *Telegraph* on the subject of the concert at the Temperance Hall. The person you refer to, who is supposed to manage these concerts, has apparently lost his head by being patronised by a few members of the musical upper circles of our would-be aristocratic community. When these concerts were first established at the old house in Stanley Street I was a frequent performer; but in those days the entertainments were given for the amusement of sailors and soldiers, and not, as is now the case, to gratify the vanity of a select circle of civilians, who constitute both performers and the best part of the audience. It was gratifying to me to read your remarks on the want of politeness exhibited towards yourself by the organisers of the concert, for it is not to you alone, but also to many others, who have for years mainly contributed to the success of the fortnightly Temperance Hall concerts, that the same disrespect has been shown. One of the principal contributors for a long time to the entertainments at Stanley Street, was left out in the cold on the occasion of the inauguration of the present hall, in favour of two or three members of the Choral Society, who were anxious not to gratify soldiers and sailors but to appear before His Excellency the Governor, who presided. That was the way the person who manages these concerts required the services of a gentleman who had frequently contributed to the success of these concerts, without whose aid they could not have been held at all. Toadyism should be kept out of a public institution.—Yours, &c.,
Hongkong, 8th December, 1881.

[Ex quovis ligno non fit Mercurius.—En. *Telegraph*.]

H. H. THE MAHARAJAH'S DRAG HOUNDS.

The following is an account, by the special correspondent of the *Singapore Times*, of a meet of H. H. the Maharajah's drag hounds:—Drag-hunting with the Maharajah's hounds bids fair to become the most popular sport in the Colony. Each meet attracts some new face, and once the delicious excitement of a run has been tasted, few can resist the temptation to partake of it again and again. One cannot have a surfeit of such enjoyment.

The bugbear of many who have not yet gone out is pig-pits. It would be easy to show that there is no occasion for alarm on this score, but perhaps people who are lured by mythical dangers would succumb altogether under the slight mishaps that are incidental to the sport, and it is probably to the advantage of all that they should stay away. They are losers by their fears, and we, from the lofty standpoint of experience, can afford to look down upon them with indifference, or, let us say, pity.

During the past week the hounds have not been idle. Holley and Nash have shown the way over a good deal of country, and two more have to be added to the already long list of the "best runs that have ever been known."

On Saturday, the 19th, there was a good meet at Tanglein Club. Trotting up the Occoant Grove, the hounds picked up the line of the drag just inside the plantation at the Bukit Timah end, and doubling back ran in full cry past the back of Mount Victoria across Stevens Road, and up to the back of Captain Ross's new houses. Here turning sharp to the right, the Government reserve was the next point made for, but skirting it and by a wide detour, Cluny Road was reached. Up to

this point the casualties were limited to one horse and rider fast in a bog, one rider shot over his horse's head, one difference of opinion between a pony and his rider in which the former scored; but nothing in the slightest degree serious. After crossing Cluny Road and encircling Mr. Geiger's house, the hounds ran on to the Maharajah's grounds, giving tongue the whole way, and getting on the turf in the avenue, went off at a tremendous pace, turning off to the right just as Tyersall came in sight. From the avenue a splendid view was got of the remainder of the run up to the finish, which took place near the barracks in a hornet's nest, much to the discomfort of one or two of the field. The fences were all in the second half of the run, and occasioned the temporary separation of several of the riders from their horses, but the spills were of an ordinary character. A father and son, who in the last run got thrown out at the beginning, quite regained their character as bold riders, being in the front from first to last.

On Friday, the 25th (yesterday), the Racecourse was the appointed place of meeting, and it was announced that ladies would be able to follow, the line of country having been specially selected. We did not notice any of the fair sex present, but at the ladies' meet men mustered in strong force. The run was barren of any incidents worth describing, being, right through, one hard gallop over goodish country, but a prettier sight than the hounds following the scent along the racecourse could not be imagined. The rails were taken by the huntsman and a local jock in grand style, but the other members of the field showed that they thought discretion was the better part of valour by keeping outside. There were two water jumps at the finish, over which all got successfully, but one man was seen to frantically embrace the neck of his horse for some reason or other. It was a jolly good gallop, and ladies would have enjoyed it.

TIENTSIN.

The water is very low both on the bar and in the river, steamers usually take two tides to reach Tientsin.

The *Hailing* was three days and a half outside waiting for water. The *Oscar Vidal* is discharging her cargo in one of the lower reaches, and then it may be possible to tow her off before we are frozen up. There is a rumour of our local *Shipping Report* being formed into a sheet, the size of letter paper, and published as a newspaper on a small scale, giving general and local items of news, with a list of the shipping in port, and a weekly market report. Should it prove to be true, I will try and send you a copy. We have sharp frosts every night, and bright, bracing weather. A Rifle Club has been formed in Tientsin, and a fine range secured eight hundred yards long, beyond the defence wall, so your crack shots had better keep up their practice, for we have many eagle-eyed men here who delight in ringing the ball's eyes, and it will be an easy matter to have friendly contests, now the electric wire unites us. The war-vessels *Ashuelot* and *Morge* are getting housed over for the winter. Can it be true that the Cross of St. George will be conspicuous by its absence during the winter at Tientsin? The Admiral might have sent us a gunboat, even if only a little one, to cheer and comfort our lonely British hearts through the long and dreary winter. Your recent observations on the working of the guns in the new gunboats are very just, what is required are four seaman gunners, who have been well trained, and a gunnery lieutenant for such gunboats, these men will do the work for which they come out and will be able to teach the crews the practical working of the guns. But China ought to establish a naval school, and adopt some uniform practice, and give over the international *pot pourri* business. Yes, it is true the old warrior, General Tso, leaves Peking in two weeks for his home in Honan before he assumes the Governor-Generalship of the *Saing-Kiang*.—*Shanghai Courier Correspondent*.

A wag circulated a report that a certain rich old farmer had been "running rapidly through his property." The farmer called on him to "retract the slander," when the wag said he saw him "running through his property" with his brindle bull after him.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

THIS DAY, One P.M.

Banks are decidedly firmer this morning, offers to buy at 118 per cent. premium, meeting with no response. We should think that business will shortly be transacted at a higher rate. Fire Insurance shares remain unchanged; but Sugars are again rather weaker, and could be procured we think without difficulty at 158. The Dock Company's stock is still on offer at 33, and shows indications of seeing a lower quotation before leading to much business. The only actual transactions booked since our last issue have been in connection with Steamboats. We chronicle a few sales in this stock yesterday at 24 per share premium, and have now to report further sales at the same rate. The inquiry for the Ice Company's shares at 128, as we anticipated, did not lead to business.

SHARES.

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation—113 per cent. premium, Buyers.
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$1,600 per share.
China Traders' Insurance Company—\$1,550 per share.
North-China Insurance Company—Tls. 1,125 per share.
Yankee Insurance Association—Tls. 850 per share.
Chinese Insurance Company—\$292½ per share, sellers.
Man On Insurance Company, Limited—\$25 per share premium.
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$925 per share, Buyers.
China Fire Insurance Company—\$295 per share, Sellers.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—33 per cent. premium, Sellers.
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Company—\$21 per share premium, Sales.
China Coast Steam Navigation Company—Tls. 162 per share.
Hongkong Gas Company—\$35 per share.
Hongkong Hotel Company—\$100 per share, Sellers.
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$158 per share, Sellers.
China Sugar Refining Company (Debtentures)—3 per cent. premium.
Hongkong Ice Company—\$128 per share.
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$50 per share.
Chinese Imperial Government Loan of 1878—1½ per cent. premium, ex interest.
Chinese Imperial Government Loan of 1881—2½ per cent. premium, Buyers.

EXCHANGE.

On LONDON—Bank Bills, T.T. 3/8½
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 3/8½
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/8½
Credits, at 4 months' sight 3/8½
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight 3/8½
On PARIS—Bank Bills, on demand 4/6
Credits, at 4 months' sight 4/6
On BOMBAY—Bank, T.T. 22½
On CALCUTTA—Bank, T.T. 22½
On SHANGHAI—Bank, T.T. 73
Private, 30 days' sight 74

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(TAKEN AT MESSRS. FALCONER AND CO.'S REGISTER, QUEEN'S ROAD.)

Hongkong, 8th & 9th December, 1881.
BAROMETER—1 P.M. 30.150
Do. 4 P.M. 30.124
THERMOMETER—1 P.M. 72
Do. 4 P.M. 71
Do. 1 P.M. (Wet bulb) 68
Do. 4 P.M. Do. 68
BAROMETER—9 A.M. 30.212
THERMOMETER—9 A.M. 66
Do. 9 A.M. (Wet Bulb) 64
Do. Maximum 72
Do. Minimum (overnight) 66.

The Lord Justice's charge to the grand jury in the Leftroy case is a somewhat curious utterance. He began by calling attention to the fact that he, the Lord Justice, had brought to the consideration of the case "a mind happily impartial," and having given an account of the result of the depositions, he went on to cuff the police with one hand and caress them with the other. What they had done and what they had left undone in this matter seemed to him odd; but, on the other hand, it was to be remembered that their position was not an easy one. "They have a difficult duty to perform," said the Lord Justice; and added, needlessly enough, "and persons in my position have also a difficult duty to perform." However, the Lord Justice's remarks on the difficulties which the English police have to contend with are worth attention. A French agent can find out pretty nearly everything about any man with whom he has to deal in any way professionally by reference to his *dossier*, and he has far wider powers of interference than are given to the English policeman, who has to skate on thin ice, at the risk not only of falling through but of being reprimanded if he does fall through. It may be doubted if these considerations will excuse the particular blunder referred to, but it is perhaps only fair to keep them in mind.—*Gill Blase, in Overland Mail*.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.

Dec. 8, GREYHOUND, British steamer, 227, D. Scott, Pakhoi 3rd Dec., Hoikow 6th, and Macao 8th Dec., General.—Adams, Bell & Co.
Dec. 8, ELISE, German bark, 513, Bruhn, Whampoa 8th Dec., General.—Wieler & Co.
Dec. 8, H. PRINZENBERG, German bark, 558, Schenemann, Newchwang 15th Nov., and Chefoo 1st Dec., General.—Molchers & Co.
Dec. 8, WALTKEA, Russian ship, 942, J. G. Hjett, Cardiff 8th July, Coal.—Captain.
Dec. 8, MEATH, British steamer, 1,337, Johnson, Newcastle 10th Nov., Sydney and Port Darwin 26th, Coals.—Geo. R. Stevens & Co.
Dec. 9, NINGPO, British steamer, 761, Cass, Canton 8th Dec., Ballast.—Siemssen & Co.
Dec. 9, HARDWICK, British steamer, 715, Teon, Shanghai 5th Dec., General.—C. M. S. N. Co.
Dec. 9, DARING, British gun-vessel, F. J. J. Elliott, Singapore 18th November, Labuan 29th, and Manila 4th Dec.
Dec. 9, HIMALAYA, British steamer, 500, Beedle, Canton 8th Dec., Ballast.—Siemssen & Co.

DEPARTURES.

Dec. 8, GOLDEN STATE, American ship, for Kobe.
Dec. 8, PESHAWUR, British steamer, for Shanghai.
Dec. 8, SIR J. JEEBENHOY, British str., for Canton.
Dec. 8, HWAI-YUEN, Chinese steamer, for Shanghai.
Dec. 8, ESPANA, Spanish steamer, for Manila.
Dec. 9, CHEANG HOOK KIAN, British str., for Singapore.
Dec. 9, HARDWICK, British steamer, for Canton.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.
Per Hardwick, steamer, from Shanghai, 9 Chinese.
Per H. Prinzenberg, from Newchwang, 1 European.
Per Meath, steamer, from Newcastle, &c., Messrs. Stevens, Hughes, Watson, and Esau, and 120 Chinese.
Per Greyhound, steamer, from Pakhoi, &c., Messrs. G. Barley and E. Brown, and 30 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Hwai-yuen, steamer, for Shanghai, 3 Europeans and 150 Chinese.
Per Cheang Hook Kian, steamer, for Singapore 729 Chinese.
Per Espana, steamer, for Manila, 3 Europeans.

REPORTS.

The Russian ship *Waltika*, from Cardiff, reports encountered a cyclone in Sulu Sea on the 27th November.

The British steamer *Hardwick* reports left Shanghai at 2 p.m. on 5th inst. had fresh N.W. winds to Tong-ping; from thence to the Lamook Islands had strong northerly winds and high sea; and from thence to port moderate N.E. wind and fine weather.

The British steamer *Greyhound* reports left Pakhoi on the 3rd inst., had strong N.E. monsoon; left Hoikow on the 6th, strong N.E. monsoon and high sea; and left Macao on the 8th at 10.30 a.m., and arrived in Hongkong at 3.30 p.m.

The British steamer *Meath*, from Newcastle, &c., reports left Port Darwin on the 26th Nov. at 3 p.m., and called at Amboqua entering at midnight on the 29th, leaving again at 11 p.m., throughout had fine weather light variable winds to Cape Calavite; thence across the China Sea had very strong monsoon, high sea and squalls; arrived in the Harbour at 7 p.m. on the 8th instant.

MAILS.

The following mails will close:—
TO-DAY, 9th December,—
For Bangkok, per Danube, at 5 p.m.
For Shanghai, per Ningpo, at 3.30 p.m.
TO-MORROW, 10th December,—
For Swatow, Amoy, Foochow and Tamsui, per Fokien, at 5 p.m.
For Amoy and Taiwan, per Albay, at 5 p.m.
For Hoikow and Pakhoi, per Greyhound, at 5 p.m.
On MONDAY, 12th December,—
For the United Kingdom and Europe, via Brindisi, to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Barmah, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, Gibraltar, and Mauritius, per Gwalior; printed matter at 2 p.m., letters at 3 p.m.
For Manila, per Diamante, at 3.30 p.m.
On WEDNESDAY, 14th December,—
For Nagasaki and Yokohama, per Sunda, at 11.30 a.m.
On THURSDAY, 15th December,—
For Straits and Bombay, per Geelong, at 3.30 p.m.
For Straits Settlements, per Lennox, at 2.30 p.m.
On FRIDAY, 16th December,—
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J. J. DE SOUZA.

H. LUBECK.

Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

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A. SUENSON,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, November 11th 1881.

Hongkong, 188.

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October 1st, 1881.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG HARBOUR.

Exclusive of late arrivals and departures this morning.

In this table the anchorage of Hongkong Harbour is divided, for purposes of reference, into five sections:—No. 1 extending from Green Island to the P. and O. Company's Wharf; No. 2 from the P. and O. Company's Wharf to the Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Wharf; No. 3 from the Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Wharf to the Government Wharf; No. 4 from the Government Wharf to the Wanchai Pier; and No. 5 from the Wanchai Pier to Kellott's Island.

<i>Vessels.</i>	<i>Section.</i>	<i>Date of Arrival.</i>	<i>Captain.</i>	<i>Flag and Rig.</i>	<i>Tons.</i>	<i>Consignees.</i>
Steamers.						
Albay	3	Dec. 8	Lightwood	British	366	D. Lapraik & Co.
Belgie	3	Dec. 7	H. Davison	British	1716	O. & O. S. S. Co.
Cebu	3	Nov. 29	Edgar	American	373	Captain.
Cleveland	4	Dec. 2	Harvey	British	769	Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Conquest	3	Sept. 28	Hamlin	British	318	Shun Hang Hong.
Crusader	4	Nov. 23	Rowen	British	700	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.
Dale	2	Dec. 6	P. H. Loff	British	644	Yuen Fat Hong.
Danube	2	Dec. 3	Clanchy	British	561	Yuen Fat Hong.
Fame	3	—	A. Stopani	British	117	H. K. & W. Dook Co.
Fokien	3	Dec. 6	Abbott	British	599	D. Lapraik & Co.
Geelong	2	Dec. 4	Webber	British	1830	P. & O. S. N. Co.
Greyhound	3	Dec. 8	D. Scott	British	227	Adamson, Bell & Co.
Himalaya	3	Dec. 9	Reedle	British	500	Siemssen & Co.
Hongkong	1	Oct. 28	—	British	67	K. Acheong & Sons.
Kang-chi	3	Dec. 7	Marsden	Chinese	638	C. M. S. N. Co.
Lennox	3	Dec. 3	Scott	British	1327	Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Mary Tatham	3	Dec. 7	Garley	British	1164	Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Meath	2	Dec. 9	Johnson	British	1337	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.
Nelson	3	Nov. 26	Thorn	British	894	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.
Ningpo	2	Dec. 9	Cass	British	761	Siemssen & Co.
Sea Gull	4	—	Hayden	American	48	China Traders Co.
Shun Tip	1	July 7	Man Fu	Annamese	93	Captain.
Tannadice	4	Dec. 8	Green	British	3000	Gibb, Livingston & Co.
Vladivostok	3	Dec. 8	Voronoff	Russian	678	Melchers & Co.
Yangtze	* Sept. 30	Schultze	British	782	Siemssen & Co.	
Yee-Tay	1 July 7	Leo Tung Tuk	Annamese	1200	Captain.	

* Kowloon Dock. † Cosmopolitan Dock. ‡ Aberdeen Dock. ** Patent Slip.

Sailing Vessels.

Adole	4	Oct. 18	Logemann	Ger. bark	1132	Melchers & Co.
Agnes Muir	3	Oct. 31	J. Lowe	Brit. ship	901	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
Anna	3	Nov. 18	W. Jofren	Ger. bark	447	Order.
Annie	2	Nov. 26	Moller	Ger. 3m sch	345	Melchers & Co.
Artemisia	2	Nov. 25	MacFarlane	Brit. bark	332	Order.
Belle Morse	4	Nov. 17	Norton	Amr. ship	1307	Order.
Blue Jacket	4	Nov. 21	Percival	Amr. ship	1396	Ed. Schellhass & Co.
Bonito	3	Nov. 26	H. Stehr	Ger. schr.	341	Ed. Schellhass & Co.
Caroline	3	Nov. 24	Michelsen	Ger. 3m sch	273	Ed. Schellhass & Co.
Caylon	5	Dec. 7	Hallatt	Amr. bark	631	Russell & Co.
Charter Oak	5	Dec. 6	H. Gilkey	Amr. ship	963	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
Citaville	2	Dec. 3	Hunt	Brit. bark	762	Captain.
Daniel Barnes	3	July 22	J. G. Stover	Amr. ship	1485	Vogel & Co.
Elise	2	Dec. 8	Bruhn	Ger. bark	513	Wieler & Co.
Elliotts	3	Nov. 25	Geo. Crighton	Brit. brig	285	Chinese.
Elvira Dorale	1	Sept. 9	Pimentel	Hawai. sh.	1363	Captain.
Esmeralda	2	Nov. 7	H. Brock	Ger. bark	738	Siemssen & Co.
Fluelin	3	Nov. 21	Fearlett	Brit. bark	498	Chinese.
Glenvey	2	Nov. 17	Thomson	Br. 3-m sch.	283	Chinese.
Hecht	3	Dec. 3	W. Ploetz	Ger. 3m sch	358	Siemssen & Co.
Holicon	5	Oct. 5	Howe	Amr. ship	1199	Captain.
Henrik Ibsen	2	Nov. 26	Dau	Norw. bark	274	Siemssen & Co.
Hermes	2	Nov. 16	Grube	Ger. bark	480	Melchers & Co.
Hermine	3	Dec. 7	Meyer	Ger. bark	350	Ed. Schellhass & Co.
Hindoo	2	Dec. 4	Matthiessen	Ger. bark	541	Wieler & Co.
Hindustan	3	Sept. 10	Belyea	Brit. ship	1547	Captain.
Hiram Emory	4	Nov. 15	Wymar	Amr. bark	799	Order.
Hotapur	2	Nov. 30	Jack	Brit. bark	522	Melchers & Co.
Humboldt	2	Nov. 20	Stall	Ger. bark	329	Ed. Schellhass & Co.
James Wilson	2	Nov. 26	R. Holmes	Brit. bark	326	Wieler & Co.
Jerfalcon	2	Nov. 15	Bentley	Br. 3-m sch.	287	Ed. Schellhass & Co.
J. H. Bowers	2	Dec. 2	Harkness	Amr. bark	784	Chinese.
John Potts	2	Nov. 14	Brown	Brit. bark	373	Ed. Schellhass & Co.
Juno	2	Nov. 26	Brechwaldt	Brit. bark	512	Siemssen & Co.
Laura	3	Nov. 18	Von Ehren	Ger. bark	332	Ed. Schellhass & Co.
Leonore	4	Nov. 18	Petersen	Amr. ship	1440	Captain.
Lota	2	Nov. 24	Dudfield	Brit. bark	472	Chinese.
Lucy Eugono	2	Nov. 22	Menard	Frén. bark	438	Captain.
Lucy	2	Oct. 30	Habekost	Brit. schr.	219	Chinese.
Malvina	2	Nov. 27	Kluge	Ger. bark	479	Wieler & Co.
Manhem	3	Nov. 15	Jansson	Swed. schr.	463	Siemssen & Co.
Marie	3	Nov. 17	Ipland	Ger. bark	465	Captain.
Marie	2	Nov. 25	Hundewardt	Ger. bark	428	Wieler & Co.
Morning Star	3	—	Michalsen	Siam. bark	570	Chinese.
N. D. Auxiliario	4	Dec. 1	Jagoret	Frén. bark	535	Captain.
Nicolas Thayer	2	Nov. 25	R. S. Craley	Amr. bark	585	Gibb, Livingston & Co.
Occident	2	Dec. 4	Renter	Ger. bark	274	Wieler & Co.
Orient	2	Nov. 16	Lernemann	Ger. bark	461	Ed. Schellhass & Co.
Panay	5	Dec. 8	S. P. Bray	Amr. ship	1190	Adamson, Bell & Co.
Papa	3	Dec. 3	Blöse	Ger. bark	392	Siemssen & Co.
Printzenberg	2	Dec. 8	Schonemann	Ger. bark	533	Melchers & Co.
Red Cross	4	Nov. 18	Flowland	Amr. ship	1300	Order.
Ribston	2	Nov. 29	Tuckey	Brit. bark	356	Melchers & Co.
Richard Parsons	4	Nov. 17	Packard	Amr. bark	1160	Captain.
Ringleader	5	Dec. 2	W. E. Bray	Amr. ship	1183	Captain.
R. Robinson	5	Sept. 14	Smith	Amr. ship	1652	Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Schwan	2	Nov. 24	T. Schroder	Ger. brig	276	Siemssen & Co.
Spartan	5	Nov. 15	Vinecent	Amr. schr.	85	W. H. Ray.
Spirit of the Age	3	Nov. 17	Williams	Brit. bark	347	Chinese.
Sophie	2	Nov. 21	Bingo	Ger. brig	230	Wieler & Co.
Souvenir	2	Oct. 16	Williams	Brit. bark	482	Captain.
Stonewall Jackson	4	Sept. 16	Swain	Amr. bark	1102	Russell & Co.
Syren	2	Oct. 5	Braun	Amr. ship	875	D. Lapraik & Co.
Twilight	5	Sept. 27	Westland	Amr. ship	1303	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
Valiant	4	Nov. 25	M. J. Daly	Amr. ship	1572	Captain.
Waltikka	5	Dec. 8	J. G. Hjett	Russ. ship	942	Captain.

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